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A Newsletter for the Patrons of the Chandler Municipal Airport

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From the Office

Looks like everyone had a great time at the Airport Tenant Appreciation BBQ! Staff thanks everyone who attended and look we forward to the next one.



**** Let the Holidays Begin! ****

As we move into the holiday seasons, the Airport staff wishes to thank all of our tenants and users for your support and for making Chandler Muni one of the best GA airports in the world. We hope the holidays are safe and memorable for you and your friends and family.

As a reminder, our offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 22nd and 23rd. Staff wishes everyone a safe and wonderful holiday!

Question of the Month

Q. What was the shortest term of the airport operation supervisor position at CHD?

A. 6 months. And what a great 6 months it was! Tim Garton was a true asset to our airport and will be missed. We wish him the very best of luck in his new home and job at Gallatin Field in Bozeman, Montana.

Change of Address?

Please remember to advise airport staff of any change of address, telephone number, or change of aircraft "N" number in your leased premises. Besides meeting the terms of your lease, keeping airport staff current on these changes will help us help you. If you experience any problems here at the airport, please contact airport operations at:

(480) 782-3544 or (480) 540-9991

From The Field

VEHICLES – NON-MOVEMENT AREAS

Safety and security are always key elements of our job in managing the airport. Key to this is insuring that only vehicles authorized to operate inside the airport fence do so. The following vehicles are authorized to operate on the airport:

- Airport-owned vehicles, including utility vehicles and Public Safety and Field Maintenance equipment
- Authorized User vehicles used in support of flight operations
- Authorized FAA vehicles
- Construction or contractor operated vehicles operating under airport procedures for construction or contractual purposes
- Municipal and Public Safety vehicles operating in official or emergency status
- Vehicles under escort by an authorized user in an authorized vehicle in support of aircraft or airport operations

An authorized user operating an authorized vehicle must escort non-authorized vehicles. Escort vehicles must accompany the non-authorized vehicle at all times while operating in the authorized area and not allow them to stray into an aircraft operation or Movement Area.

APPRECIATION FOR DUSTIN NUTTAL

Dustin Nuttal, Eagle Scout extraordinaire, finished a huge project for his community by making over 60 sets of wheel chocks. They are available to tenants with tie downs that don't already have wheel chocks. Stop by the office and pickup a pair. The chocks will remain the property of the airport and are specifically for use with the aircraft tie down to which they are issued.

MOVIN' ON – A PERSONAL MESSAGE

In the aviation world, things sometimes happen pretty fast – and such is the case with me. By the time you read this newsletter, I will have moved on to the "Big Sky" country of Montana. I have truly enjoyed working with everyone at this airport. Thank you for all the support from everyone while I was here. Perhaps we'll see each other again soon in the aviation community in which we live.

Tim Garton,
(former) Airport Ops. & Maint. Supervisor

"FLY QUIET PROGRAM"

In the month of October we received eleven calls from our neighbors that were concerned about noisy, low flying aircraft. With flying weather getting better we notice our number of operations increasing. What this means to us is the potential of an increasing number of calls concerned about aircraft noise. We also know that most of you adhere to the proper Traffic Pattern Altitudes (TPA). However, on an occasion we have noticed aircraft approaching the airport and in the traffic pattern airspace at altitudes not consistent with the TPA. An example is an aircraft noted by airport staff flying inbound from the west at an altitude of 1,600 feet MSL, which was verified by radar data. Obviously this altitude which was approximately 400 feet above ground level (AGL) is well below the 1,000 foot AGL minimum "over congested areas", and the 2,200 foot MSL TPA (approximately 1,000 feet AGL) for fixed wing aircraft. These instances are rare, but do create serious concerns among residents that live near the airport and quite frankly, this provides these residents with valid arguments that pilots are not following proper and safe flight procedures.

When we get calls about low flying aircraft, we provide the Callers with a noise abatement package that includes a copy of the traffic pattern airspace map along with a pamphlet from the FAA on how to address concerns about low flying, noisy aircraft. Part of the reporting procedure is to identify the aircraft in question, i.e. type (as in single, twin, or jet engine), color, and an "N" number whenever possible. If you are identified as flying below standards over "congested areas", you may find yourself answering to the FAA. Please, follow the standard or recommended practices in the traffic pattern airspace, and remember, when flying over congested areas not associated with take offs or landing the minimum altitude is 1,000 feet AGL.

Thank you and fly safe.

New Ramp Construction Underway

If you haven't noticed, there is a lot of dirt being moved around north of the Santan ramp (northeast part of the airport). A new ramp is under construction. This will bring 90 new tie downs to the airport. If all works according to plan, this will also be the future home of 50 new T-shade spaces. This is the first phase of our north terminal area improvement plans. A part of these improvements will include the new Airport Boulevard realignment project for which the design is just getting started. Another phase will include more ramp area west of the current ramp construction. We will be starting design on this second apron area soon as well. If you have any questions or are interested in what we have planned for future development, please stop by the office and we'll be happy to share our improvement plans with you.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chandler Airport Commission usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the terminal building conference room. The agenda is posted outside of the City Clerks office located on the second floor of the Chandler Office Center and the Airport Administrative offices in the Terminal Building. All tenants and patrons are invited to attend.

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